

From the Pastor's Desk

## My dear Trinity family,

What a wonderful season of coming together this has been! At the general church level, we gathered at the annual conference at Hershey and saw the month open in a beautiful ordination service. At Trinity's circle, we have had a truly exciting, engaging, enriching time with God's word accompanied by the gifts of fellowship,

music, drama, stories, crafts, games, food and fun at Vacation Bible School (VBS). The team has worked together effectively to bring young lives the powerful challenge of living for God and trusting him to do more than we can ask or imagine. "Mission to Mars" was a true blessing! We thank Donna Ratulowski, Haley Warner, and the whole team of volunteers who blessed our children with their faith, gifts, talents, and graces. It was a special encouragement to see so many children learning scripture and memorizing the text of Ephesians 3:20. We thank God for the dedication of all our teachers and helpers. We are grateful to all who volunteered to help in the kitchen to prepare meals. We thank our volunteers who helped with assisting teachers, registration, games, and crafts/activities. We want to thank those who helped create the stage and those who led in music and worship. We are truly grateful for each of our youth who participated and shared their leadership gifts in the program. The VBS 2019 experience reflected super high energy and was outstanding.

May I invite each of you in the congregation to continue to pray for the children who attended VBS 2019? We can pray that many of the children who attended VBS can come back to our sessions of Summer in the SONshine (SIS). We can pray that the lessons of faith the children learned at VBS will remain and grow in their hearts. We can also pray that the families they represent will be blessed/touched by the love of God and the transforming power of the Gospel.

Let me ask you some question as we think together. Have you lately been burdened by the cultural and moral climate in which our children and grandchildren are being raised? Have you considered the weight of feeling unloved, unprotected, and not understood? Are these not some of the struggles of our modern children and youth? Have you lately been given a glimpse into the soul of a child who lives in balance between separated parents, weekends shared separately with dad or mom, coping with siblings in blended home contexts and through it all trying to make sense and the best of it all?

Would you consider praying that God would use you to touch someone who needs His love? In our church office staff meetings in 2019, I have invited my colleagues to share their testimony and experience of Christ – one person each month. At our recent staff meeting, Anne Mathews, shared her testimony. Having experienced her parents going through a divorce when she was 9, Anne is ever grateful for the godly impact of her grandmother,

Elizabeth Frysinger. In a moving, honest expression of her story, Anne spoke of finding God even in spite of her teenage years of struggle. At one point, she said that she found herself "talking to God not talking with God". Have you been in a place like that? Or do you know someone who has? Anne's story is a remarkable testimony to how God mends our hearts and makes us instruments of healing and promise. While there were many people that she interacted with, two of them stood out as bearers of hope, encouragement and Christian witness - her grandmother, Elizabeth, and her husband, Davis. What a blessing!

At a recent VBS/SIS training session I had addressed the subject, "How to lead children to faith in Jesus." At the session, I had shared the following information from the Barna Research Group. One of the studies indicates that nearly half of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their savior do so before they reach the age of 13. If that is true, we are faced with an urgent and critical mission as God's people. Our mission certainly continues beyond VBS and SIS as we seek to invest in younger lives by the grace of God. As your pastor, I am deeply grateful to each of you who have made such investments your priority – for Jesus sake. I also wish to invite you to continue to pray, think and invest your time, talents and resources to help young lives discover, grow in and witness the saving grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A few days ago, I was driving back to the parsonage after working at the church office. As I approached the parsonage, I noticed two of my neighbors were busy clearing broken pieces of glass strewn all over the street. A garbage truck had passed by and a large piece of glass had fallen from it and shattered on the street. I quickly joined my friends in sweeping and even hand picking some of those shiny, broken pieces of shattered glass. We wanted to do our best in this clean up job. We wanted to be sure that the street would be safe for use. When we completed our mission together, I said to my neighbors, that it was "remarkable how broken things bring people together". In response John and Judy spontaneously said, "There, you have it! A title for your next sermon!" Yes, it is a great title for another sermon. Better still, it is an invitation to us as the people of God, to reach out to broken people in our broken world with the love that God has laid upon our hearts. Would you consider praying that God would use you to touch someone who needs His love?

Let me close by wishing you a truly Christ centered month of July 2019. I am grateful to Rev. Raymond Brooks for his willingness to help lead our services and share pastoral care during my time of travel to India. We will also be receiving the ministry of God's words through Rev. David McCullough, Rev. Raymond Brooks, Rev. Rodney Miller, and Rev. Kevin Witt. I am grateful to each of you on the team who will oversee your many responsibilities efficiently for the glory of God.

Grace and peace, Pastor Arun

## **JULY 2019 THEME**

# COMMITMENTS THAT SHAPE OUR VICTORY

## July 7th

How can we give as God desires?

Scripture 1: Micah 6: 1-8 Scripture 2: Matthew 6: 1-4

### July 14th

How can I pray as God desires?

Scripture 1: Psalm 13: 1-6 Scripture 2: Matthew 6: 5-15

### July 21st

How can I fast as God desires?

Scripture 1: Isaiah 58: 3-7 Scripture 2: Matthew 6: 16-18

## July 28th

How can I invest as God desires?

Scripture 1: Luke 12: 13-21 Scripture 2: Matthew 6: 19-24

### CHURCH WIDE RETREAT

Saturday, August 24

Our theme this year will continue to support our theme for the year, Victory in Jesus. With that in mind we will be seeking to inspire each other to Run with the Winners as we each run our personal spiritual journey.

Plan now to attend with your whole family and friends and look forward to:

- Praise and Worship
- Delicious Food
- Fun and Fellowship
- Spiritual challenges
- Hearts refreshed

We look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, August 24. Details and tickets will be coming soon, so keep a watchful eye!



## SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

What's on the menu?

JULY 5 Burgers, Baked Beans, Broccoli Salad

JULY 19 Chicken Corn Soup, Hot Dogs, Peach Cobbler

We welcome volunteers to join us for setup, foodprep, serving, and clean-up. You may volunteer by signing up on the info table or online at:

https://trinityumnc.com/next-steps/serve/

## WELCOME BAGS

In the back of the sanctuary, under the last pew, are Welcome Bags. If you see a visitor to our church, please give them a Welcome Bag. (There are two different bags, but they each contain the same things.)

Thank you.

The Hospitality Committee

## Thanks

Thank you to Carol Evertts and her helpers for the wonderful luncheon for Sam. He would have loved all those wonderful desserts.

~ the Brinton Family

I want to thank the Sing and Celebrate Choir for a wonderful party with refreshments and gifts in preparation for my new apartment.

~ Carol Brown



## **BLANKET SUNDAY**

Sunday, August 18th

Our donations can provide someone in crisis with the reassurance that they are not forgotten by the community of faith.





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### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party

> Trinity's Parking Lot Tuesday, August 6 6:00 - 8:00 PM

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partner-ships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August.

Trinity UMC is hosting New Cumberland's National Night Out event in the church parking lot. There will be games, free food, music and many businesses/groups participating.

### KINGDOM KIDS UPDATE

Kingdom Kids is our "Junior-Church Styled" gathering in the 10:45 worship service for children ages 5-5th grade! The children seek to know, love, and follow Jesus as they learn Pastor Arun's teaching through interactive worship, bible lessons, media, and activities. Since we kicked off in January, Kingdom Kids has reached over 40 different children and has involved over 50 different youth/adult volunteers! Sign up to help with Kingdom Kids on the sheet across from the mailboxes and come check out what we're all about!







# TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

Trinity UMNC Young Adults!

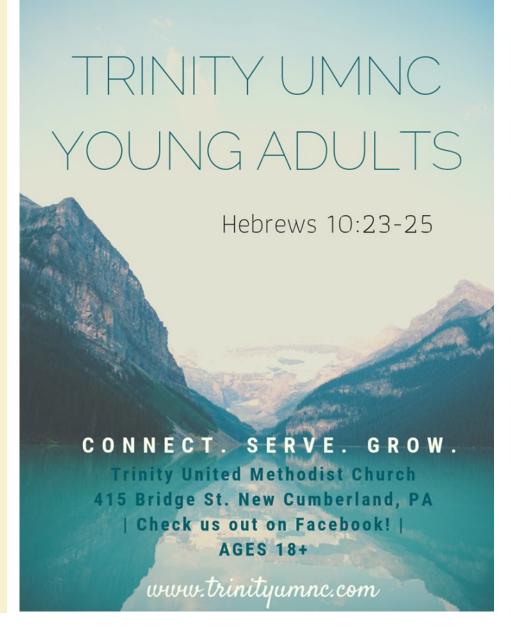
A new group for young adults kicked off this past month and is open to everyone ages 18-30! We are excited about what it means to walk with God after high school and grow in our faith at our workplaces, through college, in our friendships, and with our church community! Check out our Facebook page to stay up to date on Young Adult news and gatherings!



## BE KIND TO OUR PLANET

In 2011 at the Susquehanna Annual Conference, Resolution #4 was passed regarding the use of Styrofoam containers. Congregations were asked to think about how they can become "greener" In 2009 the Wyoming Annual Conference banned the use of Styrofoam containers for food and beverages in their local churches and our Annual Conference appealed to the congregations in 2001 to discontinue utilizing Styrofoam that can neither be recycled nor safely biodegraded for food and beverages.

Trinity has begun the transition from using Styrofoam to environmentally friendly products. Ceramic dishes are also available for those who may be able to use them. They can be washed using the dishwasher.



## SUNDAY DUTIES FOR JULY 2019

DUTY	JULY 7	JULY 14	JULY 21	JULY 28			
Altar Guild	Tiffany Hollinger	Tiffany Hollinger	Joann Rodriguez	Joann Rodriguez			
Liturgist: 8:15	Pastor Peggy Spengler	Doug Eakin	Yvonne James	Jane Rosenthal			
10:45	Communion Sunday	Jody Blacksmith	Ethel Brooks	Ron Winter			
Children's Talk	No Children's Talk	Rylee Sorrells Emily Wenger	Kahleigh & Aryah Weist	Donna Ratulowski			
Nursery: 8:15	Sue Grubb	Patsy Bashore Millie Walters					
10:45	Betsy Miller Cherice Swick		Betsy Miller				
Ushers: 8:15	*Harry Minskey, Dianne Schofield, Jo Lower, Irv Kiehl, Judi Meyer						
10:45	*Arv Krick, Bev Krick, Mary Lou Twigg, Melody Oligane  *denotes head usher						
Coffee Fellowship	Adult S.S. Class	Tuesday Morning Group	Chancel Choir				
Adult SS Teacher	Jed Beshore	Marcia Haller	Ron Winter	Ruth Miller			
Elective SS Teacher	Raymond Brooks	Betsy Miller	John Mickle	Shirley Sharpe			
Counting Team	Mary Herr and Kathy Karnes						













## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to ALL who supported this year's VBS program. We were blessed with a total of 123 children registered and an attendance in the 80s each day. We enjoyed singing praises to the Lord with a live band; had delicious meals; learned about Jesus during Bible time; made crafts; played fun games; and best of all learned we can "Go to Mars and Beyond" with Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness, and Hope.















During the month of July, Trinity will be collecting items for "Back to School Bonanza". Please bring your donations in by July 23<sup>rd</sup> and put them on the table in the lobby. The distribution date will be August 1st from 6-7:00 PM. Items being collected are:

- Calculators
- Glue Sticks
- Spiral Notebooks
- Colored Pencils
- Highlighters
- Markers (no sharpies please)
- Pink Erasers (not pencil toppers)
- Backpacks for Elementary school-age children
- Backpacks for Middle/High School girls

### JUICE DONATIONS

### for Summer Adventure

Trinity's annual 100% juice collection for the Neighborhood Center Summer Adventure program continues until August 11th. Bring your contributions to the table in the hall. For more information please contact Marsha Uber 717-938-3108.

### HELP US SPREAD THE NEWS!

We have created a Communication Request Form to organize all the communication requests for the many meetings and events we have going on at Trinity. You can find the pdf and online form on the website under Resources > Forms & Policies. Printed forms are also available in the mailbox marked "Communication Requests". Please contact Jocelyn MacMinn with any questions you may have.

### PROJECT A.S.K.

### Assisting Students & Kids

One out of every three students at WSSD is considered HUNGRY. These students are fed Monday-Friday with subsidized FREE breakfasts and lunches at school but some go hungry over the weekends.

Christian Churches United started a new program and is asking churches to support students in the West Shore School District area, in partnership with the district social worker and nurses. The program is called **Project A.S.K.-Assisting Students & Kids**.

The Hospitality team and the Missions team are asking our church to participate with an on-going food drive, collecting food items that can be carried home by a student in their backpack and prepared by a child at home. You only need to bring the items below to church. Then the items will be taken to WSSD sorted and the Social Worker will determine which schools are in need of these items.

This project provides dignity; anonymity and a basic need to the students of WSSD plus Trinity church will be supporting OUR COMMUNITY with this effort.

### Will YOU help with this cause???

Please contact Cathy Baum or Carol Evertts for further information. Thanks for all your help!!!

### LIST OF PREFERRED ITEMS

- Pop top canned meals like Chef Boyardee
- Small containers of peanut butter and jelly
- Individual packs of oatmeal
- Ramen noodles packs or cups
- Pop top canned tuna
- Individual bags of snacks
- Pop top canned soups
- Case of bottled water
- mac n cheese individual cups
- Individual snack packs of cereal
- individual snack bars and fruit snacks
- Poptarts and cups of fruit
- pop top Dinty Moore beef stew
- small pop top canned vegetables
- popcorn
- Juice boxes
- GROCERY GIFT CARD DONATIONS!!!



# **JULY 2019**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 8:15am Worship Service - S 9:30am Sunday School for All Ages 9:30am Coffee Fellowship - FH 10:45am Worship Service - S 10:45am Kingdom Kids - JR					Take 5 to Pray Daily at 8:30 PM	
	1	2 11:45am Downtown Daily Bread 7:30pm NC Town Band (FH)	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am NC Town Band Rain Location (FH) 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L)	5 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's) 10:00am Cooking (FH) 5:00pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	9:00am Communion Prep (WR)
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## **Trinity United Methodist Church**

Susquehanna Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Sunday Worship Services** 8: 15 AM and 10:45 AM

**Sunday School Classes** For all ages at 9:30 AM **Dated Material** 

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



Please submit articles for the AUGUST 2019 TRINITY TIDINGS by July 15th

## STARFISH MINISTRIES

Senators Baseball Game Fundraiser

July 19, 2019

Game Time: 7:00 PM



Starfish Ministries will be featured at this Friday night home game of the Senators baseball team at FNB Park, City Island, Harrisburg.

Starfish Ministries will be throwing out the first pitch, will have an on-field interview, and will have an information table at the game. A section is reserved for our friends. Support us by attending the game! Please email Carol at Cacrossleyl@gmail.com for a brochure and information on obtaining tickets.

Ticket cost is \$11, with a \$4 proceed to Starfish.